GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any schemes for promotion of sports in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is implementing a scheme of 'Incentives for Promotion of Sports Activities' under which Rural Sports Programme is one of the components.

(b) Rural Sports Programme being implemented through Sports Authority of India (SAI), provides for grant-in-aid for organizing District level, State level and National level tournaments. For District level competitions, the grant-in-aid is placed at the disposal of SAI for allocation to State/UT Governments. Financial assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is also made available by the Ministry for Non- Governmental Organisations, including Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, for organizing District level competitions.

The State/UT level tournaments are organized by SAI in collaboration with the States/UTs. Assistance for holding the State level tournaments is provided to SAI at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- per discipline. In case of UT, this assistance is restricted to Rs. 25,000/- per discipline. For National level tournament, a grant of Rs. 2,50,000/- per discipline is provided to SAI, for organizing the tournament separately for men and women in various States by rotation.

(c) Does not arise.